

REMARKS

In the final Action mailed March 23, 2004, claims 1-4 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over USP 4879096 to Naton.

Claims 1-4, 10, and 16-18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over USP 5520752 to Lucey.

Claims 1-2, 5, 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over USP 5766776 to Buresch.

Claims 1-2 and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP 02179388, JP 06269981, JP 06269983, or JP 06269982.

Claims 1-2 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP 07284983 or JP 08001372.

Claims 1-6 and 10-11 and 14-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP 2000061685.

Claims 1-2 and 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP 08206874.

Claims 1-2, 14, 15, and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over WO 9534401.

Claims 1-3 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP 08132277.

Claims 1-5 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP 11077368.

In view of the new CIP application and its claims 1-15, all of the previous rejections are now moot.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to telephone Mark E. Bandy, at (216) 861-5582.

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